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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY and CENTER
 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH,

Plaintiffs,

v.

XAVIER BECERRA, SECRETARY OF U.S.
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
 SERVICES; JANET WOODCOCK, M.D.,
 ACTING COMMISSIONER OF FOOD AND
 DRUGS; and U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,¹

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:19-cv-05168-VC

**NOTICE REGARDING FEDERAL
 REGISTER PUBLICATION AND
 CONSENT DECREE TERMINATION**

Defendants submit this notice to inform the Court that the final rule regarding the laboratory accreditation program was published in the Federal Register on December 3, 2021. *See* Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods, 86 Fed. Reg. 68,728-68,831 (Dec. 3, 2021) (to be codified at 21 C.F.R. pts. 1, 11, 16 and 129). The publication completes Defendants'

¹ By operation of Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d), Xavier Becerra is automatically substituted as a party in this action, in place of the former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Alex M. Azar II, and Janet Woodcock, M.D. is automatically substituted as a party in this action, in place of the former Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Stephen M. Hahn, M.D.

obligations under Paragraph 4 of the Consent Decree and terminates the Consent Decree without further judicial action under Paragraph 12. *See* Consent Decree, Dkt. 31 at 4, 6.

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